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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a method for identifying a subject at risk of developing hypertensive end organ damage, such as and in particular heart failure, comprising: a) obtaining a biological sample of said subject; b) determining the level of at least one non-myocytal marker in said sample; c) comparing the level of said marker to a standard level; and d) determining whether the level of the marker is indicative of a risk for developing hypertensive end organ damage. The non-myocytal marker preferably is galectin-3 or thrombospondin-2.

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